GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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CODE TO REGULATE TELECASTING OF SATELLITE CHANNELS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a): whether any code has been drawn by the Government to regulate the telecast of news, films and other entertainment programmes by Satellite Channels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have taken into consideration that the Code does not unreasonablyinfringe the rights of the electronic media to disseminate information and knowledge of all types amongst masses;

(d) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefore; and

(e) the steps taken/likely to be taken in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (e): Programmes of all satellite channels, transmitted/re-transmitted through the Cable Television Network, are required to adhere to the provisions of the Programme & Advertising Codes prescribed under the Cable Television Network (Regulation) Act 1995 and Rules framed there under. There is no pre-censorship of programmes telecast, but action is taken whenever violation of these Codes come to notice.